

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
FEBRUARY 17, 1994

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 17, 1994, in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, and Nell Rogers.

**Members absent:** Barbara Ricks and George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Robert L. McClellan, Don Shadow, and Derek Youngblood.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lanny Monroe at 10:10 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Dr. Olon Ray.

**Acknowledgments/Introductions**

Lanny Monroe recognized the following guests: Mrs. Nancy Alley, State Department of Education, Dr. Janace Goree, Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs, Institutions of Higher Learning, and Dr. David Haraway, President, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Dr. Ronald Whitehead, Dean of Instruction and Mr. Arthur Beasley, Director of Vocational Education at Jones County Junior College, and Frankie Walton White of the Attorney General's office.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board approved the minutes of the January 20, 1994, meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray reported that the May Board meeting would be held at Itawamba Community College. He also notified the Board that the date of the May meeting would be set to accommodate Itawamba's schedule and also to allow his absence for vacation time for a period of two weeks at the end of April and first part of May.

Also, an invitation from Dr. Billy Thames has been issued to the Board to the Phi Theta Kappa, Academic All-American Luncheon on March 9, 1994, at the Ramada Plaza, in Jackson. Dr. Ray urged all Board members to attend. On a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second from Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously voted to change the date of the March Board meeting to March 9, at 9:00 a.m., in order to make it possible for Board members to attend the luncheon.

Dr. Ray reported that the Board's recommended change in the funding formula has been endorsed by the Community and Junior College Presidents' Association and has subsequent to that time been written into the community college appropriations bill.

Dr. Ray reported that the recent ice storm has had a major impact on four of our community colleges. Coahoma Community College, the hardest hit, at this time has no idea how much longer they will be without power. Coahoma Community College, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, and Mississippi Delta Community College at the request of legislators, submitted a list of services being offered to students and to their communities in the wake of the storm. These community colleges are also providing housing for crews from the utility companies making repairs in the storm ravaged area.

Dr. Ray reported on the Work Force Education Act. The House has approved this bill without a dissenting vote. The Senate has approved the bill as a part of a larger bill.

#### **Executive Director's Travel Schedule**

February 21 - President's Day Holiday, SBCJC office will be closed.

February 22 - Phi Theta Kappa Breakfast, Gulfport, MS

March 7 - Itawamba CC

\*Dr. Billy Thames entered the meeting.

Dr. Ray introduced new staff member, Don Shadow, Director of the Life Skills for State and Local Prisons program. Two other staff members will be hired for this program.

#### **REPORTS/ACTION**

##### **MACJC REPORT**

Dr. David Haraway, Vice President of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, reported on the following items discussed at the president's meeting on January 25, 1994:

Dr. Ned Lovell of Mississippi State University, addressed the presidents about a program in which Mississippi State would offer graduate courses in the Leadership Academy. It would become a part of their graduate educational leadership masters degree program, and would be specifically designed for community and junior college administrators. The presidents supported this concept. Dr. Lovell also stated that Mississippi State would like to offer credit and non-credit courses over the community

college network once operational. The offer was favorably received and referred to the program committee for further study.

A committee formed in response to the Education Forum's concern for a training program for local trustees of community and junior colleges, reported to the presidents and made recommendations for a trustee training program. The Association endorsed the proposal, asked the committee to continue to refine the proposal, and present the proposal to the trustees' association at their summer meeting for adoption.

The changes in the present funding formula were discussed in detail. Reaction was very positive and the presidents endorsed the changes unanimously.

Dr. Haraway asked Dr. Billy Thames to address the Board concerning the Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-American Team Luncheon. Dr. Thames urged Board members to attend if at all possible on March 9, 1994, at noon.

The Association's committee appointed to meet with IHL concerning accreditation policies for associate degree nursing programs, has met with Dr. Ann Homer Cook and together they are working toward gaining relief for community colleges.

Dr. Clyde Muse reported on legislative matters, and the Association took up athletic matters before adjourning.

#### Finance Committee

Deborah Gilbert presented a report on disbursements from the Education Enhancement Fund for February 1, 1994, totaling \$1,574,640. (Exhibit A) No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert gave a report on the Senate and House bills for the administration and support budgets of the SBCJC. (Exhibit B) No action was required.

A report on financial statements for fund 2291 and fund 3291 was presented for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit C)

In other business, the Board on a motion by Paul Breazeale, and a second by Bob Breeden, unanimously voted to approve escalation of 100% federal funds in the amount of \$1,047,587 for a JOBS grant from the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Various community colleges, public schools, and community based organizations will participate and the total project amount is \$1,344,106. (Exhibit D)

#### Program Committee

Bob Breeden presented a list of vocational/technical programs to be placed on probationary status for one year due to low enrollment figures. Upon program committee recommendation, a motion by Mr. Breeden, and a second by Paul Breazeale, the Board voted unanimously to place these programs on probationary status. (Exhibit E)

Mr. Breeden then presented a list of programs and their enrollment figures which would be removed from probationary status. On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by Paul Breazeale, the Board unanimously voted to approve removing these programs from probationary status. (Exhibit F)

Mr. Bill Bunch presented to the Board a staff recommendation that Northwest Community College, Benton-Marshall Center's probationary status be extended for one year. The Board last year placed the center on probation due to low enrollment and the fact they did not meet the criteria for a center. In the last year, an additional program, Licensed Practical Nursing was approved by the Board and enrollment has increased. On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board unanimously voted to extend probationary status for the Benton-Marshall Center for one year. The Board recommended that Northwest Community College pursue Adult Basic Education/General Education Development funding and programs to increase the activity and enrollment at the Benton-Marshall Center.

Mr. Bunch presented a program application from Jones Junior College in Plastics Technology. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second by Alton Bankston the Board voted to approve the program. Motion carried - Breeden, Monroe, Purvis, Bankston, Rogers, Bridges, and Breazeale voting yes, Boston, not participating due to her employer being a direct requestor of the program.

#### Foundation Policy Status Report

Mr. Monroe reported that the proposed policy on foundations was being developed and would be forthcoming for Board approval.

#### Legislative Update

Mr. Bill Bunch presented a list of legislative bills dealing with SBCJC interests from the House and Senate and discussed their status with the Board. (Exhibit G).

\*Paul Breazeale left the meeting.

#### EdNet Report

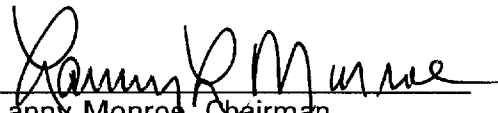
Dr. Olon Ray reported that EdNet is still scheduled to begin operation in March. A planning committee has been organized with key community college personnel to make decisions on programming and scheduling. Dr. Clarence Roberts of Meridian Community College is chairing the committee.


#### Travel Authorization

Lanny Monroe asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. Dr. Ray presented a request for Perrin Purvis, who attended a legislative luncheon on behalf of the Board. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously approved reimbursement for Mr. Purvis.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

  
Lanny Monroe, Chairman

  
Olori E. Ray  
Executive Director